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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
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THE WASHINGTON POST

THE POST HEADLINES NIXON'S 11-HOUR TESTIMONY EARLIER THIS WEEK BEFORE WATERGATE PROSECUTORS AND GRAND JURORS IN CALIFORNIA.

LEWIS SIMONS WRITES THAT THE SURPRISE SUSPENSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE SWEEP OF OPPOSITION ARRESTS BY PRIME MINISTER GANDHI THIS WEEK SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PRECIPITATED PRIMARILY BY THE INCREASING UNITY OF HER RIGHT-WING OP-
 PONENTS. (A-1)

RON NESSEN DENIED YESTERDAY THAT HE PLANS TO RESIGN OR TO ABOLISH HIS DAILY PRESS BRIEFINGS. COMMENTING ON HIS CRITICISMS THURSDAY WHEN HE SAID "BLIND AND IRRATIONAL MISTRUST" ON THE PART OF SOME REPORTERS WAS UNDERMINING THE USEFULNESS OF THE BRIEFINGS, NESSEN SAID HE SHOULD HAVE MADE IT CLEARER THAT HE WAS "NOT ATTACKING EVERYONE IN THE BRIEFING ROOM."
 (A-2)

UGANDA AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF BRITISH CITIZENS AND SAID THEY MAY BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON CHARGES OF TREASON. THE ARRESTS WERE LINKED TO THE CASE OF A BRITISH LECTURER CONDEMNED BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO BE EXECUTED FOR DESCRIBING PRESIDENT AMIN AS "A VILLAGE TYRANT." UGANDA RADIO SAID BRITISH "PROPAGANDA" ABOUT THE CASE WOULD BRING ON A "TOUGHER LINE" AGAINST OTHER BRITONS IN THE COUN-

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TRY. THERE ARE SAID TO BE 700. (A-8)

PREMIERS OF EIGHT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AGREED TO STEP UP THEIR RAW MATERIAL, FUEL, AND ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CONTINUE LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PROJECTS. THE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, OR COMECON, THE SOVIET BLOC EQUIVALENT OF THE COMMON MARKET. (A-8)

A CHINESE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI IS "IN BETTER HEALTH" AND HAS LEFT THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. (A-8)

THE U.S. YESTERDAY HANDED ISRAEL THE EGYPTIAN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS FOR A NEW INTERIM MIDEAST AGREEMENT THAT WOULD BRING A FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI. AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID FURTHER DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES IN THE THREE-WAY CONNECTION BETWEEN JERUSALEM, CAIRO, AND WASHINGTON WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER GAPS BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS CAN BE BRIDGED. IT HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED THAT IF THE TWO SIDES CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT, YOU WOULD GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A SETTLEMENT. (A-8)

THE POST'S LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE OIL HAS ACTUALLY BEGUN TO FLOW FROM BRITAIN'S NORTH SEA FIELDS. THE OIL WILL NOT BY ITSELF SAVE THE BRITISH ECONOMY, BUT IT CAN OFFER POWERFUL ASSISTANCE TO WHATEVER SALVATION THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY DEVISE. IT CARRIES THE HOPE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY BY THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT DECADE. THE EXAMPLE OF THE NORTH SEA CONTAINS LESSONS FOR AMERICANS: IT TAKES AN EXTREMELY LONG TIME TO GET FROM THE FIRST TENTATIVE EXPLORATION TO THE DELIVERY OF EVEN THE FIRST FEW THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL; BUT OFF-SHORE DRILLING PROVIDES NO IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO TODAY'S DEMANDS. NOR IS IT CHEAP. THE LONGER OIL PRICES STAY HIGH, THE LARGER THE NUMBER OF NATIONS THAT WILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN KEEPING THEM HIGH. OR, TO PUT IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, THE PERIOD HAS PROBABLY PASSED -- IF IT EVER REALLY EXISTED -- IN WHICH THE U.S. COULD HOPE TO OBTAIN ANY SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN WORLD OIL PRICES. (A-10)

EDWIN REISCHAUER SAYS FALSE ANALOGIES BETWEEN KOREA AND VIETNAM ORIGINALLY HELPED GET US INTO A FUNDAMENTALLY WORSE SITUATION IN VIETNAM. LET US NOT NOW REVERSE THE PROCESS AND PANIC OVER KOREA BECAUSE OF ANALOGIES MISTAKENLY DRAWN WITH VIETNAM. SOUTH KOREA SIMPLY IS NOT VULNERABLE AT PRESENT TO THE TWO BASIC ILLS THAT DESTROYED SOUTH VIETNAM -- THE UNCERTAIN LOYALTY OF ITS PEOPLE, AND THE RESULTANT POSSIBILITY FOR EASY PENETRATION AND SUBVERSION BY THE

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ALLIANCE. HE HOPES TO IMPROVE MILITARY COOPERATION. (B-11)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

BROOKS JACKSON STATES ASHLAND OIL INC. ADMITTED YESTERDAY THAT IT MADE PAYMENTS TOTALING MORE THAN \$450,000 TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS IN LIBYA, GABON, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND POSSIBLY NIGERIA. THE KENTUCKY-BASED FIRM SAID SOME OF THE PAYMENTS MAY HAVE ENDED AS ILLEGAL PAYOFFS. IT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE RECIPIENTS. (A-2)

JEREMIAH O'LEARY SAYS YOU HAVE ORDERED SWEEPING INTERNAL REORGANIZATION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT CENTRALIZES CONTROL AMONG A GROUP OF YOUR CLOSEST ADVISERS WHILE REMOVING CONTROL OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND THE VARIOUS BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIORITIES POLICY GROUP WHOSE PRINCIPAL TASK WILL BE TO LINK PERSONNEL AND FUNDS WITH POLICY OBJECTIVES WOULD FUNCTION ON THE ORDER OF A MINIATURIZED OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THE REORGANIZATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE PRESENT POLICY-MAKING FUNCTIONS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR STEP TOWARD CONSOLIDATING CONTROL OF BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL MATTERS IN LINKAGE WITH FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS. (A-2)

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI STRENGTHENED HER CRACKDOWN ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS YESTERDAY BY DECLARING THAT SOME 900 PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECREE CANNOT APPEAL TO THE COURTS FOR RELEASE. PRESIDENT AHMED, THE CONSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF STATE, SIGNED THE EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT BARS ALL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE DETAINEES. (A-3)

BRUCE MUNN REPORTS THAT THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA NOTIFIED THE SECURITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND SET UP IN 1950. AMBASSADOR SCALI SENT A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR ABDOUL KARIM AL-SHAIKHLI OF IRAQ, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR JUNE, OUTLINING PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT U.S.-KOREAN COMMAND AS SUCCESSORS TO THE UN TO CARRY OUT THE PANMUNJOM ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953. (A-3)

ACCORDING TO RICHARD M. GROWALD, PRESIDENT FORD PERSONALLY ASKED ISRAEL YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER MAKING GREATER CONCESSIONS TO ARAB STATES TO GET MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS GOING AGAIN, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID. THEY SAID FORD MADE THE REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR DINITZ IN AN 11 MINUTE WHITE HOUSE MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING. THE ENVOY TOLD FORD HE WOULD RELAY THE REQUEST TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN JERUSALEM. FORD CALLED IN DINITZ TO MAKE THE REQUEST AND TO UNDERScore U.S. BELIEF THAT PERHAPS THE ISRAELIS MUST BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER MORE EXTENSIVE BILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO RESUME

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THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS THAT COLLAPSED IN MARCH,
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A STAR EDITORIAL SAYS THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL FOR SOVIET PARTY BOSS LEONID BREZHNEV. THE BELIEF PERSISTS THAT BREZHNEV, FOR REASONS OF HEALTH AND AGE, IS PLANNING A TRIUMPHAL EXIT FROM PUBLIC LIFE EARLY NEXT YEAR. HIS SCHEDULE BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT FEBRUARY HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN PLANNED TO PROVIDE A FITTING CLIMAX TO A LEADERSHIP WHOSE CENTRAL THEME HAS BEEN A DEVELOPING EAST-WEST DETENTE. THERE IS NOW AT LEAST SOME REASON TO DOUBT THAT ANY CEREMONIOUS CELEBRATION OF DETENTE WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL. THE FIRST MAJOR SNAG HAS BEEN AN INCREASING DISENCHANTMENT IN THE WEST WITH A ONE-WAY DETENTE, AND AN INCREASING INSISTENCE ON AT LEAST SOME MEASURE OF GENUINE RELAXATION ON THE SOVIET SIDE OF EUROPE'S IDEOLOGICAL FRONTIER. SIMILAR PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN WITH BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AT A RECENT APPEARANCE IN MOSCOW, THE PARTY CHIEF RUEFULLY CONCEDED THAT HIS TRIP, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING, WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATE IN THE YEAR. THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE CASES OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND STRATEGIC ARMS ARE DEADLY SERIOUS. THE VERY FACT THAT THE RUSSIAN LEADER HAS STAKED SO MUCH OF HIS OWN PRESTIGE ON THE RESULTS SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUBSTANTIAL QUID PRO QUO FOR THE MUCH-DESIRED DUO. FOR IF DETENTE IS NOT TO BE A TWO-WAY STREET, IT IS LIKELY TO BE OF LITTLE LASTING VALUE TO ANYONE CONCERNED. (A-6)

CARL T. ROWAN COMMENTS THAT ARAFAT AND THE PALESTINIANS NOW HAVE VIRTUALLY NOTHING, SO THEY HAVE VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO LOSE. THUS, THEY WILL GO ON AND ON AND ON WITH THEIR RAIDS, GIVING ISRAEL NOT ONE DAY OF PEACE. AND THE PLO WILL RETAIN THE SUPPORT OF VIRTUALLY ALL THE ARAB WORLD. A PLO COMMANDO WHO STRIKES AN ISRAELI VILLAGE IN THE NIGHT IS NO MORE A "MURDERER" THAN THE ISRAELI PILOT WHO BOMBS VILLAGES IN LEBANON. RAIDS AND COUNTER-RAIDS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ISRAEL TALKS TO THE PLO AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES TALK DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL. NOT THROUGH YOU OR FORD OR THE UN. (A-7)

JAMES RESTON, WRITING ON THE AZORES, STATES THAT UNLIKE LISBON, WHICH IS NOW A RABBLE OF REVOLUTIONARY CONFUSION, THESE ISLANDS ARE QUIET, ORDERLY, AND CONSERVATIVE. IF LISBON REALLY WENT COMMUNIST AND WAS THROWN OUT OF NATO, THESE 290,000 CONSERVATIVE ISLANDERS MIGHT VERY WELL VOTE TO DEFY LISBON AND GO WITH THE WEST. THERE IS EVEN SOME TALK ABOUT THEIR APPEALING FOR POLITICAL ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. SO THEY ARE WORTH WATCHING. (A-7)

VERNON A. GUIDRY WRITES THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT INDICATE THE SOVIET UNION WILL BUILD UP TO THE LIMIT OF SUB-

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MARINE STRATEGIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS SET BY AN INTERIM ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT, AND PERHAPS BEYOND IT. "THE OPEN QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER THEY WILL GO BEYOND THE LIMIT," SAID ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE GOVERNMENT SOURCE. THE U.S. CONSENSUS IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ENOUGH SUBMARINE HULLS UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO REACH THE LIMIT. SUBMARINE YARDS ARE BEING WATCHED CLOSELY THIS SUMMER. IF THE 950 LIMIT ON STRATEGIC MISSILES ABOARD MODERN SUBMARINES IS TO BE EXCEEDED, IT IS FELT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOATS TO CARRY THE ADDITIONAL MISSILES WILL BEGIN IN JULY AND AUGUST. (D-16)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ACCORDING TO BERNARD GWERTZMAN, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY HAD FAILED SO FAR TO NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE ANOTHER LIMITED AGREEMENT ON SINAI POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THE CHANCES NOW SEEMED REMOTE THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER "DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE" TO SEEK A SINAI ACCORD. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO KEEP PRESSING FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS MORE BEFORE GIVING UP THE "STEP-BY-STEP" EFFORT. THE GENERALLY NEGATIVE APPRAISAL WAS A RESULT, IN PART, OF AN INITIAL REJECTION BY PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT OF THE LATEST ISRAELI IDEAS ON AN INTERIM AGREEMENT. (1)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

GENE OTSHI REPORTS THAT SOVIET CONCESSIONS TO DEMANDS FOR MORE HUMAN CONTACTS AND FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AT THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE HAVE EXCEEDED EARLIER HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN PRESSING HARD FOR A JULY SUMMIT MEETING, BUT, WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, IT WOULD REQUIRE MORE BREAKTHROUGHS EITHER OVER THE WEEKEND OR AT THE LATEST DURING THE FIRST PART OF NEXT WEEK. AS IT IS, THE LAST-MINUTE CONCESSIONS HAVE WHETTED THE WESTERN APPETITE FOR MORE AND HAVE AROUSED FEARS AMONG THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES OF BEING STEAM-ROLLED INTO CONCLUDING THE TALKS BEFORE THEIR OWN CONCERNS ARE SATISFIED. (A-1)

CHARLES CORDROY WRITES THAT A SENATE DELEGATION WILL SET OUT FOR THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WEDNESDAY TO SEE WHAT EVIDENCE IT CAN FIND OF SOVIET MISSILE AND OTHER MILITARY FACILITIES AT BERBERA. TWO SENATORS TOOK UP THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THEY ARE BOTH OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS -- HENRY L. BELLMON OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND DENEY F. BARTLETT OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. (A-2)

GILBERT LEWTHWAITE NOTES THAT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY WAS GIVEN

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A NOTICEABLE ATLANTICIST UNDERTONE YESTERDAY IN A LENGTHY OUTLINE OF ITS CURRENT AIMS BY JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES. HIS COMMENTS ON BOTH INDEPENDENCE AND EUROPE WERE BALANCED BY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF THE WISDOM OF TRANS-ATLANTIC COOPERATION. MR. SAUVAGNARGUES MADE IT CLEAR THERE WAS TO BE NO RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM FRANCE'S RECENT DIPLOMACY, BUT HIS TONE EXPRESSED CLEAR REAFFIRMATION OF THE MORE CORDIAL PARIS-WASHINGTON RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING AND PRESIDENT FORD. (A-2)

MARQUIS CHILDS SUMMARIZES HIS INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND WRITES THAT SADAT BELIEVES THE SITUATION IN THE MIDEAST IS SO EXPLOSIVE THAT WAR COULD ERUPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THERE CAN BE NO DECISIVE ACTION UNTIL PRESIDENT FORD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCES THE RESULTS OF HIS MIDDLE EAST REASSESSMENT. MR. SADAT SAID THAT A PEACE SETTLEMENT, WHETHER STEP-BY-STEP OR OVERALL, MUST BE ACHIEVED IN THE REMAINING HALF OF THIS YEAR. NO DECISION WILL BE POSSIBLE IN 1976, HE SAID. "IN AN ELECTION YEAR, YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PARALYZED." SUSPECTING THAT ISRAEL WANTS TO POSTPONE ANY DECISION UNTIL WELL INTO NEXT YEAR, HE SAYS THIS SIMPLY CANNOT BE, SINCE IT COURTS ANOTHER WAR. THAT THESE ARE CRUCIAL DAYS IN THE FATE OF THIS TEMPESTUOUS REGION NO ONE CAN DOUBT. (A-19)

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